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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a one-count indictment¹ charging that Roberto Vasquez, on July 13, 2008, was a convicted felon who possessed a loaded firearm in Philadelphia after having been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year in prison.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
ROBERTO VASQUEZ	East Cheltenham Avenue	24

If convicted the defendant faces a statutory maximum ten years imprisonment, including a \$250,000 fine, three years supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Whitehead, Jr.

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